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April 10, 2002

American River Pump Station Project
Draft EIS/EIR Comments
Surface Water Resources, Inc.
2031 Howe Avenue, Suite 110
Sacramento, CA 95825

Subject: PCWA American River Pump Station Project
Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report
SCH# 1999062089

To Whom It May Concern:

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the PCWA American River Pump Station Project. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my opposition to the recreation/parking lot component of the project.

While I have virtually no objection to the pump station, the recreation/parking lot component of the project is of great concern. I agree with the City of Auburn, the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection—Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, and the Skyridge Residents for Safety in saying that it is inappropriate for this component to be included in the PCWA American River Pump Station Project at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas "Rico" Oller
California State Senate

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ALPINE, AMADOR, BUTTE, CALAVERAS, EL DORADO, LASSEN, MODOC, MONO, NEVADA, PLACER, PLUMAS, SIERRA AND YUBA

A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.

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April 1, 2002

Tami Mihm, Project Manager
Surface Water Resources, Inc.
2031 Howe Avenue, Suite 110
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Ms. Mihm:

RE: PCWA American River Pump Station Project

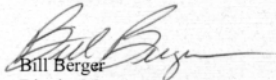
The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the comments and recommendations of the Board of Directors of the Georgetown Divide Recreation District regarding the potential effects to the Auburn-to-Cool Trail System identified as part of the PCWA American River Pump Station Project.

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The Board is supportive of the trail improvements identified in Impact 3.8-3: Impacts to Public Recreation Trail Access. However, as trails systems comprise a vital component of our recreational opportunities available on the Georgetown Divide, the Board strenuously objects to the permanent closure of the multi-use trail between Auburn and Cool. To that end the Board strongly recommends that a crossing be constructed in the vicinity of the cofferdam to maintain the integrity of the existing trail system between Auburn and Cool.

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to comment on this important issue. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,


Bill Berger
District Manager

A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.1, Auburn-to-Cool Trail.

PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY
AND
U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

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ORIGINAL

PUBLIC HEARING
AMERICAN RIVER PUMP STATION PROJECT

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2001

7:00 P.M.

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1 MR. SMITH: I'D LIKE TO GO AHEAD AND GET
2 STARTED ON BEHALF OF THE PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY AND
3 THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION.

4 I'D LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.
5 THIS IS FOR THE AMERICAN RIVER PUMP STATION PROJECT.

6 ARE WE ALL HERE FOR THE RIGHT PROJECT? THIS
7 IS THE GOOD PROJECT.

8 A COUPLE OF INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS. SOME 40
9 YEARS AGO WATER PLANNERS SAW THE IMPORTANCE OF
10 PUMPING -- OF NEEDING A PUMP STATION IN THE AMERICAN
11 RIVER CANYON. AND I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE THIS EVENING
12 THAT WE'RE MEETING IN THE AMERICAN RIVER ROOM OF THE
13 BUSINESS CENTER. AND ON THE BACK WALL, I'D ENCOURAGE
14 YOU BEFORE YOU LEAVE TO SEE A LOT OF THE ORIGINAL
15 PUMPING PLANT IN THE AMERICAN RIVER AT THIS LOCATION.

16 I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE PROJECT REAL
17 BRIEFLY. THERE ARE THREE MAIN COMPONENTS OF THIS
18 PROJECT.

19 NUMBER ONE, IT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
20 PUMP STATION. THE SECOND COMPONENT IS CLOSING THE
21 EXISTING DIVERSION TUNNEL. AND THE THIRD COMPONENT, AS
22 A RESULT OF CLOSING THE DIVERSION TUNNEL, WOULD BE TO
23 RESTORE THE AMERICAN RIVER BACK TO THE ORIGINAL CHANNEL.

24 REAL BRIEFLY, IF I COULD, I'D LIKE TO
25 INTRODUCE SOME OF THE KEY STAKE HOLDERS OF THIS PROJECT.

1 FROM PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY, MYSELF, BRENT SMITH.

2 I'M A CIVIL ENGINEER WITH PCWA.

3 EINAR MAISCH, IF YOU'D RAISE YOUR HAND. WE
4 HAVE FROM THE PCWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I THINK WE HAVE
5 LOWELL JARVIS. YES, OVER ON THE SIDE. WE HAVE JAN
6 GOLDSMITH, OUR LEGAL COUNSEL, WITH US THIS EVENING.
7 FROM THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, WE HAVE ROD HALL AND TOM
8 AIKEN --

9 MR. HALL: I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM.

10 MR. SMITH: HE WAS GOING TO TRY TO MAKE IT.
11 REAL QUICKLY, WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER A TEAM OF
12 ENVIRONMENTAL AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS. FROM THE FIRM
13 OF MONTGOMERY WATSON, WAYNE DOLL AND MARK HARGROVE.
14 THEY'RE WORKING ON THE PUMP STATION AND THE ACCESS
15 ROADS.

16 FROM THE FIRM OF MCLAUGHLIN WATER ENGINEERS,
17 RICK MCLAUGHLIN AND RICHARD STOCKTON.

18 AND TO MAKE SURE -- THEY'RE WORKING ON THE
19 DESIGN OF THE DIVERSION FACILITY AND THE CHANNEL
20 RESTORATION TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT LOOKS GOOD. THEY'VE
21 GOT JOHN ANDERSON, FROM THE ARCHITECT AND FROM OUR
22 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE TEAM, PAUL BRATOVICH AND TAMI
23 MIHIM -- WAY BACK IN THE BACK.

24 THIS PROJECT INVOLVED A LOT OF AGENCIES. FROM
25 THE STATE, JONAS MINTON, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES,

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR -- WHERE DID JONAS GO? THERE HE IS.

2 FROM STATE PARK RECREATION, JIM MICHAELS, ON
3 THE SIDE. AND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME --
4 MISS HEIDELBERG.

5 SO, A COUPLE OF QUICK HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS. AT
6 THE BACK WE DO HAVE A SPEAKER REQUEST CARD. IF YOU
7 WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS, GO AHEAD AND FILL THIS
8 OUT. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO CALL YOUR NAME AND GIVES US
9 AN IDEA OF HOW MANY ARE INTERESTED IN SPEAKING TONIGHT.

10 WE HAVE A SIGN-IN SHEET THAT IS -- THESE ARE
11 IN THE BACK OR MAYBE GOING AROUND. IF YOU COULD PLEASE
12 SIGN THAT BEFORE YOU LEAVE. AND WE DO HAVE COMMENT
13 CARDS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FILL THIS OUT, IF YOU HAVE
14 ANY COMMENTS YOU'D JUST LIKE TO LEAVE WITH US. YOU
15 DON'T NEED TO USE THIS FORM. THE COMMENT PERIOD RUNS
16 UNTIL NOVEMBER 13TH, SO THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT YOU
17 PROVIDE COMMENTS THIS EVENING.

18 WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO THE
19 DESIGN TEAM REAL QUICK FOR A PRESENTATION OF THE
20 PROJECT. AND FOLLOWING THAT, WE'LL HAVE PAUL SAY A
21 COUPLE OF WORDS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS.

22 SO, WAYNE.

23 MR. DOLL: THANK YOU, BRENT. AGAIN, MY NAME
24 IS WAYNE DOLL. I'M WITH MONTGOMERY WATSON, AND WE -- WE
25 HAVE A SHORT SLIDE PRESENTATION TO DESCRIBE THE PROJECT.

1 (WHEREUPON A SLIDE PRESENTATION WAS
2 MADE BY MR. DOLL.)

3 MR. HALL: THANKS, PAUL.

4 WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WANT TO SPEAK
5 TONIGHT. I DID WANT TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY, IF SOME
6 PEOPLE HAVE SOME VERY BASIC QUESTIONS ON WHAT WE JUST
7 PRESENTED, WE'LL TAKE A FEW QUESTIONS.

8 THE TEAM WILL BE HERE AFTER THIS MEETING TO
9 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ON A ONE-TO-ONE BASIS. SO, WHAT
10 I'D LIKE TO DO NOW IS TRY TO KEEP THE AMOUNT OF
11 QUESTIONS TO A BASIC MINIMUM THAT MIGHT BE NECESSARY IN
12 ORDER FOR YOU TO PROVIDE US YOUR COMMENTS ON THE
13 EIS/EIR. BUT IF ANYONE HAS THEM, I'LL ENTERTAIN THEM
14 NOW.

15 THE AUDIENCE: I HAVE A VERY BASIC QUESTION ON
16 WHAT'S 75 CFS MEAN?

17 MR. HALL: THE REASON THE 75 CFS --

18 THE AUDIENCE: I UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS
19 TECHNICALLY. I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW YOU ARRIVED AT THAT.

20 MR. HALL: 75 CFS IS A REQUIREMENT OF COUNTY
21 WATER AGENCY FOR THE WATER RIGHT TO PASS THROUGH THE
22 DIVERSION.

23 THE AUDIENCE: MEANING THAT --

24 MR. HALL: THAT'S THE LEGAL MINIMUM.

25 THE AUDIENCE: LEGAL MINIMUM THAT YOU'RE

1 MANDATED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT FLOWS DOWNSTREAM AS
2 DIVERSION?

3 MR. HALL: CORRECT.

4 THE AUDIENCE: I HAD A QUESTION ON THE COMMENT
5 ABOUT THE POOL GOING UP TO TAMAROO BAR. AND I KNOW HE
6 WAS TRYING TO BE CLEAR, BUT I DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND
7 IF WOULD MEAN TAMAROO BAR WOULD BE FLOODED, OR WOULD THE
8 POOL BE JUST BELOW THAT EXISTING POOL?

9 MR. HALL: DEPENDING UPON THE FLOW IN THE
10 RIVER, THE WATER MAY BACK UP TO TAMAROO BAR AT A DEEPER
11 DEPTH THAN IT IS NOW. BUT THE DESIGN CRITERIA WAS, BY
12 THIS PROJECT, WE WOULD NOT CAUSE ANY BACKUP UPSTREAM OF
13 TAMAROO BAR.

14 THE AUDIENCE: YES. TALKED ABOUT IT AS
15 THREE-PHASE. SEEMS TO ME REALLY THEY'RE ALL
16 INTERDEPENDENT. YOU CAN'T DO ONE WITHOUT DOING ALL
17 THREE PHASES.

18 MR. HALL: THAT'S CORRECT.

19 THE AUDIENCE: ON A HUNDRED YEAR FLOOD PLAINS,
20 WHAT HAPPENS IF THE WATER GOES OVER THAT? DOES IT WIPE
21 OUT THE PUMPING STATION OR ...

22 MR. HALL: YOU WANT TO ANSWER THAT, WAYNE?

23 MR. DOLL: NO, IT WOULDN'T WIPE OUT THE
24 PUMPING STATION. THAT'S OUR DESIGN CRITERIA. AND IF IT
25 WERE TO EXCEED THAT, THERE COULD BE DAMAGE BUT -- WE'LL